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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a method for generating a network of direct and indirect interaction partners of a disease-related (poly)peptide comprising the steps of (a) contacting a selection of (poly)peptides suspected to contain one or several of said direct or indirect interaction partners with said disease-related (poly)peptides and optionally with known direct or indirect interaction partners of said disease-related (poly)peptide under conditions that allow the interaction between interaction partners to occur; (b) detecting (poly)peptides that interact with said disease-related (poly)peptide or with said known direct or indirect interaction partners of said disease-related (poly)peptide; (c) contacting (poly)peptides detected in step (b) with a selection of (poly)peptides suspected to contain one or several (poly)peptides interacting with said (poly)peptides detected in step (b) under conditions that allow the interaction between interaction partners to occur; (d) detecting proteins that interact with said (poly)peptides detected in step (b); (e) contacting said disease related (poly)peptide and optionally said known direct or indirect interaction partners of said disease-related (poly)peptide, said (poly)peptides detected in steps (b) and (d) and a selection of proteins suspected to contain one or several (poly)peptides interacting with any of the afore mentioned (poly)peptides under conditions that allow the interaction between known direct or indirect interaction partners of said disease-related (poly)peptide or with said (poly)peptides identified in step (b) or (d); and (g) generating a (poly)peptide(poly)peptide interaction network of said disease-related (poly)peptide and optionally said known direct or indirect interaction partners of said disease-related (poly)peptide and said (poly)peptides identified in steps (b), (d) and (f). Moreover, the present invention relates to a protein complex comprising at least two proteins and to methods for identifying compounds interfering with an interaction of said proteins. Finally, the present invention relates to a pharmaceutical composition and to the use of compounds identified by the present invention for the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of Huntington's disease.

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